

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Claims 1-9 (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) Software embodied in one or more computer readable-media when executed operable to:

display, within a Web page on a client computer coupled to a network environment, ~~one of~~ a plurality of two-dimensional secondary spatial images being components of an original multi-dimensional image having more than two dimensions, with locations ~~an indicated location~~ in the two-dimensional secondary spatial ~~images~~ image specified by values of first and second coordinates which specify locations in said components of the original multi-dimensional image- ~~specifying the position of the indicated location in the two-dimensional spatial image, and specified by at least one predefined additional coordinate which, in combination with the first and second~~ ~~coordinates, specifies the position of the indicated location;~~

select a particular location on a two-dimensional secondary spatial image having particular values of the first and second coordinates, where selecting the particular location on the two-dimensional spatial image determines a multi-dimensional coordinate including at least a third coordinate value which, together with the first and second coordinates, indicates an indicated location in the original multi-dimensional image;

initiate access to a location in a secondary image map homologous to the indicated location to retrieve a retrieved object index for the indicated location after the location of the two-dimensional secondary spatial image displayed on the client computer is selected;

read a secondary image map, at a server computer coupled to the network-environment, with the secondary image map having entries correlating to values of the first, second, and additional coordinates of the original multi-dimensional image, with each entry including a pointer value;

access, at the server computer, a ~~selected entry of the secondary image map specified by particular values of the first, second, and additional coordinates of an indicated location to~~ retrieve a selected pointer included in the selected entry when the indicated location of the two-dimensional secondary spatial image displayed on the client computer is selected, with the particular

~~values of the first and second coordinates sent to the server computer from the client computer over the computer network environment; and~~
~~cause a server computer coupled to the network environment to utilize, at the server computer, a the retrieved object index for the indicated location selected pointer to access a program action not program actions associated with the indicated location in the original multi-dimensional image.~~

11. (cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) The software of claim 10 where the multi-dimensional image is a three-dimensional volume image and the two-dimensional secondary spatial image is a planar slice of the three-dimensional volume image.

13. (Previously presented) The software of claim 10 where the multi-dimensional image is a video clip and the two-dimensional secondary spatial image is a frame of the video clip.

14-15. (Cancelled)

16. (New) Software embodied in one or more computer readable media when executed operable to:

utilize, on a server computer coupled to the network environment, a retrieved object index for an indicated location to access a program action associated with the indicated location;

wherein said object index is obtained by the execution of code, on a client computer coupled to the network environment, to display, within a Web page, a plurality of two-dimensional secondary spatial images being components of an original multi-dimensional image having more than two dimensions, with locations in the two-dimensional secondary spatial images specified by values of first and second coordinates which specify locations in said components of an original multi-dimensional image;

wherein said display is to allow a user to select a particular location on a two-dimensional secondary spatial image having particular values of the first and second coordinates, where selecting the particular location on the two-dimensional spatial image determines a multi-dimensional coordinate including at least a third coordinate value which, together with the first and second coordinates, indicates said indicated location in the original multi-dimensional image; and

wherein said selecting further initiates access to a location in a secondary image map homologous to the indicated location to retrieve said retrieved object index for the indicated location after the location of the two-dimensional secondary spatial image displayed on the client computer is selected.

17. (New) The software of claim 16 wherein said selecting occurs on said client computer.

18. (New) The software of Claim 16 wherein said secondary image map is located on said client computer.

19. (New) A method of serving digital information, the method comprising:
receiving a request for a distributed hypermedia document at a
network server;
transmitting the distributed hypermedia document from the network server to a
distributed hypermedia browser in response to receiving the request, the distributed hypermedia document including an HTML tag to cause the display of a plurality of two-dimensional secondary spatial images being components of an original multi-dimensional image having more than two dimensions, with locations in the two-dimensional secondary spatial images specified by values of first and second coordinates which specify locations in said components of an original multi-dimensional image, wherein said display is to allow a user to select a particular location on a two-dimensional secondary spatial image having particular values of the first and second coordinates, where selecting the particular location on the two-dimensional spatial image determines a multi-dimensional coordinate including at least a third coordinate value which, together with the first and second coordinates, indicates an indicated location in the original multi-dimensional image, wherein said selecting further initiates access to a location in a secondary image map homologous to the indicated location to retrieve a retrieved object index for the indicated location after the location of the two-dimensional secondary spatial image displayed on the client computer is selected, and wherein said selecting further causes a server computer coupled to the network environment to utilize the retrieved object index for the indicated location to access a program action associated with the indicated location.

20. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein said selecting occurs on said client computer.

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2 said client computer
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